



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2633**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2740-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yoshinori YUKI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2633
Application No.: 10/079,497) Examiner: Bello, Agustin
Filed: February 22, 2002)
For: WAVELENGTH DIVISION) Confirmation No.: 9352
MULTIPLEXING RING NETWORK)
SYSTEM, OPTICAL PATH)
SETTING METHOD, RECOVERY)
METHOD, AND PROGRAM)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed October 18, 2005, having a period for response extending through February 21, 2006 (February 18 being a Saturday and February 20 being a Federal Holiday) by the attached Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee payment, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants request consideration and entry of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.

Amendments to the Drawings are made in the attached replacement sheet and are discussed on page 23 and in the **Remarks** section of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper and begin on page 24.

Attachments to this paper include one (1) replacement drawing sheet and a copy of a Form PTO-1449.